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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: FOLLINGSTAD ET AL. Examiner: M. FRIEDHOFFER
Serial No.: 09/828,706 Group Art Unit: 2832
Filed: APRIL 6, 2001 Docket No.: 2316.1260US01
Title: ELECTRONIC SIGNAL TRANSMISSION AND SWITCHING JACK

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits or a first Office Action after filing a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but before the mailing date of: i) a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113; ii) a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311; or iii) an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the application. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a

reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

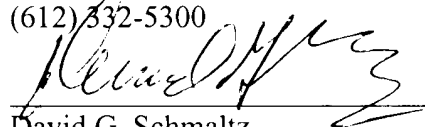


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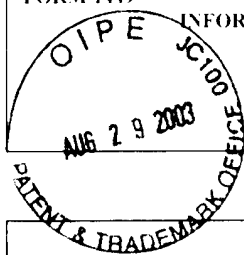
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FORM 1449* INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN AN APPLICATION (Use several sheets if necessary)	Docket Number: 2316 1260U S01	Application Number: 09 828,706
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	3,052,842	09/1962	FROHMAN ET AL.			
	3,188,524	06/1965	WILLIAMS			
	4,080,040	03/1978	LANCASTER			
	5,145,380	09/1992	HOLCOMB ET AL.			
	5,550,755	08/1996	MARTIN ET AL.			
	5,552,962	09/1996	FEUSTEL ET AL.			
	5,575,665	11/1996	SHRAMAWICK ET AL.			
	5,997,311	12/1999	CROUSE ET AL.			
	6,535,367 B1	03/18/2003	CARPENTER ET AL.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
Exhibit A	ADC Pro-Patch Installation Drawings, 1 page; dated March 10, 1997.	
Exhibit B	ADC Pro-Patch Installation Drawings, 2 pages; dated October 26, 1996.	
Exhibit C	ADC Pro-Patch Assembly Drawings, 1 page; dated March 10, 1997.	
Exhibit D	Photos of a product manufactured by Switchcraft, Inc., 10 pages; publicly disclosed April 23, 2001.	



EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.	



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COMMUNICATION RE: EXHIBITSSUBMITTED IN THE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants have herewith submitted an Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 including Exhibits A-D. The following is an explanation of the contents of the Exhibits submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

Exhibits A-C are installation and assembly drawings of a prior art ADC Telecommunication, Inc. Pro Patch product. The Pro Patch product includes a chassis (Exhibit C) mounted in a frame (Exhibit B). Jacks are mounted within the chassis. The Pro Patch product also includes a front panel covered by a removeable designation strip (Exhibit A). A plurality of contacts is located behind the designation strip. The contacts are electrically connected with clips. By positioning the clips at selected positions between the contacts, the circuitry of the jacks can be changed between a no-normal, half-normal and full-normal configuration.

Exhibit D includes photos of a product offered for sale by Switchcraft, Inc. The product includes a module having two jacks (pages 1-2 and 9-10). The module also has a switch device including a rotary member (pages 3-8) configured to change the jack circuitry between a no normal, full normal, and half normal configuration. The jack circuitry can be changed by turning the rotary member of the switch device. To Applicants' knowledge and belief, this product was first publicly disclosed at a tradeshow on April 23-26, 2001. The first public disclosure of April 23, 2001 is after the filing date of the present application, April 6, 2001. Applicants therefore believe that the disclosure of Exhibit D is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102.

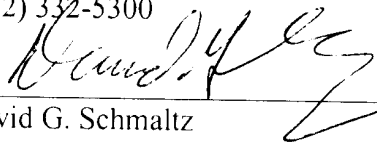
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at 612.371.5340 if any further questions or concerns arise.



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